Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Child abuse is a complex and ongoing problem nationwide and here at home; and,

Whereas, The effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by creating quality partnerships among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, parents, and caregivers; and,

Whereas, All citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and neglect and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to care for their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and,

Whereas, In order to protect all children, those who commit harmful crimes against children need to be held accountable for their actions; and,

Whereas, The children of South Dakota are our most precious asset and our future, and it is our responsibility to see that they have a quality, healthy, and protected life; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is committed to helping future generations succeed. We are focused on ensuring the safety and well-being of all families, improving the lives of young children and creating opportunities:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State